**खान और खनिज (विनियमन और विकास (अधिनियम, 1957 से खनिजों को हटाया जाना**

2241. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार द्वारा खान और खनिज (विनियमन और विकास) अधिनियम, 1957 के अंतगमरत किन-किन खनिजों को हटाए जाने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) इसके क्या कारण है;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में राय सरकारों से कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए है तथा इनकी संख्या कितनी है; और

(घ) सरकार की इन पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

**इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री नवीन पटनायक):** (क) से (घ) राज्य सरकारें और खनिज (विनियमन और विकास) अधिनियम, 1957 की पहली अनुसूची में से खनिजों को हटाने की मांग समय-समय पर करती रही है। इन खनिजों के पूर्वेक्षण लाइसेंस/खनन पट्टे देने के लिए राज्य सरकार को केंद्र सरकार का पूर्व अनुमोदन प्राप्त करना पड़ता है। विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों के खान और भू-विज्ञान मंत्रियों/सचिवों के 1 दिसम्बर, 1996 में हुए सम्मेलन के परिणामस्वरूप सचिव (खान) की अध्यक्षता में फरवरी, 1997 में एक समिति गठित की गई। प्रमुख खनिज उत्पादक राज्य सरकारों के सचिव, भारतीय खनिज उद्योग परिसंघ के महासचिव, भारतीय खान ब्यूरो के महानियंत्रक आदि इस समिति के सदस्य है। समिति को खनिजों के विनियमन और विकास संबंधी मौजूदा कानूनों तथा प्रक्रियाओं की समीक्षा करनी थी। समिति को अनेक राज्य सरकारों से खान और खनिज (विनियमन और विकास) अधिनियम की सम्पूर्ण अनुसूची 1 या उसके भाग ग को हटाने के लिए अनेक अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए। समिति ने इन अभ्यावेदनों पर विचार किया। समिति ने अब अपनी रिपोर्ट सरकार को प्रस्तुत कर दी है तथा इस पर अपेक्षित कार्रवाई शुरू की जा चुकी है।

**Scheme for the Development of Mining Workers**

2242. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any schemes for the development and welfare of mining workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these schemes are providing full assistance to them; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government for the improvement of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Under the Mines and Mineral (Regulatioin & Development) Act, 1957 and the Rules framed thereunder, the information related to the welfare schemes for workers engaged in exploration/exploitation in mines is not required to be furnished to the Indian Bureau of Mines, a Subordinate Office of Department of Mines. However, the Ministry of Labour are administering three welfare funds for certain categories of non-coal mines workers. The funds are utilised to implement welfare schemes for provoiding medical, educational, re-creational, housing and water supply facilities to the workers engaged in Mica Mines, Limestone and Dolomite Mines, Iron Ore, Manganese Ore and Chrome Ore Mines. List of the welfare schemes is attached as Statement. (*See below*)

(c) and (d) All the eligible workers are entitled to and avail of benefits prescribed under the various welfare schemes meant for them formulation under the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1946; Limestone and Dolomite Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1972 and Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines & Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1972.

**Statement**

List of Welfare Schemes for Mine (Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Chrome Ore Mines, Limestone and Dolomite Mines, Mica Mines) Workers

| Sl. No. | Name of the Scheme |
|---|---|

HEALTH:

1. Scheme for reservation of beds in T.B. Hospitals.
2. Scheme for treatment of Mine Workers suffering from Mental diseases.
3. Scheme for treatment of Mines Workers suffering from Leprosy.
4. Scheme for Domicalliary treatment of mine workers suffering from T.B.
5. Maternity benefit scheme for female mine workers.
6. Re-imbursement of actual cost of treatment to mine workers suffering from Cancer.
7. Grant of financial Assistance to mine workers for purchase of spectacles.
8. Scheme for payment of extra Monetary Compensation for Sterillisation to mine workers.
9. Re- imbursement of expenditure as financial assistance to mine workers in respect of Heart Diseases.
10. Re-imbursement of expenditure as financial assistance to mine workers in respect of Kidney Transplantation.
11. Scheme for payment of Compensation in case of Fatal and Serious accident to mine workers.
12. Scheme for providing artificial limbs to mine workers.
13. Grant-in-aid to Iron Ore and Limestone & Dolomite Mines Managements for purchase of Ambulance Vans.

HOUSING

1. Financial assistance to mines management for construction of low cost type-I and type-II houses for mine workers near work site.
2. Build Your Own House Scheme: Interest free loan and subsidy to mine workers for construction of their own houses.

Apart frome the above mentioned welfare schemes, the workers are getting welfare facilities as provided under the C.L. (R & A) Act and P.W. (Mines) Rules.

EDUCATION

1. Award of scholarship to School/ College going children of mine workers.
2. Composite Scheme for Financial Assistance to the School going children of mine workers for supply of one set of dress, slates, note books and text books.
3. Assistance to mine owners for running Central Library.
4. Assistance for purchase of school buses to the mine managements.
5. Assistance to the mine managements for maintenance of Libraries.
6. Grant-in-aid for recognised schools in the Iron Ore mining areas for purchase of furniture & equipment.
7. Mid-day meals scheme.
8. Payment of incentives on passing final University/Board examinations from High School onwards.
9. Scheme to provide incentive/financial assistance of Rs. 1/- to female chilidren of mine workers, on the basis of attendance in schools.

RECREATION

1. Organising Sports, Social Cultural activities for mine workers.
2. Scheme to provide buses for transporatation of mine workers.
3. Establisihment of Audio Visual sets/Cinema Vans/Exhibitioin of films.
4. Excursion-cum-study tours.
5. Supply of T.V. Sets.
6. Setting up of Multipurpose Institutes/developed Multipurpose Institutes.
7. Setting up of Welfare Centres.

8. Grants to M.P.Is/D.M.P.Is/Welfare Centres.
9. Sports Grounds.
10. Holiday Homes.

WATER SUPPLY

1. Financial assistance to small mine owners for sinking of wells.
2. Financial assistance to small mine owners for execution of water supply scheme.
3. Financial assistance to big mines management for execution of water supply scheme.

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**Mineral Concessioins**

2243. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not true taht the clearance of proposals from the State Government seeking Central Government's approval for grant of concessions for minerals specified in the part A and C of the First schedule appended to the MMRD act usually takes long time; and

(b) a list showoing number of cases, dates from which matters pending for Central Government's approval Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Mineral Concessions are granted as per provisions of Mines & Minerals (Regulation & Develpmentd Act, 1957 and Rules made thereunder by the State Governments concerned. Proposals for approval of mineral Concessions for minerals specified under the First Schedule of the aforesaid act originate from the respective State Governments and are processed and disposed of by the Central Government as per provisions of law. All efforts are being made to expedite approval of Central Government. In certain cases the proposals received from the State Government are inmcomplete and consequently, in such cases, State Government are asked to furnish complete information/addditional information for disposal.

362 cases were disposed in respect of part C of First Schedule of Mines & Minerals (Regulatioin & Development) Act during 1997-98. 128 cases in respect of part C of First Schedule of the Act are pending with Central Government as on 1.6.98. List showing pending cases for approval of Central Government for minerals listed in part A and part C of First Schedule of Mines & Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 are appended at Statement-I and II respectively. (*See* below)

**Statement-I**

| State | Pending Cases as on 1.6.1998 |
|---|---|
| Orissa | 1 |
| Rajasthan | 1 |
| TOTAL: | 2 |

**Statement-II**

| State | Pending Cases as on 1.6.1998 |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 19 |
| Bihar | 7 |
| Gujarat | 14 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 4 |
| Karnataka | 16 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 14 |
| Orissa | 26 |
| Rajasthan | 15 |
| Tamil Nadu | 11 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 2 |
| TOTAL: | 128 |

**Uniform Rate of Royalty**

2244. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the broad parameters laid by the Central Government for granting